

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chris Constantine Economaki.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Chris Constantine Economaki, who has dedicated his career to providing media coverage to automobile racing; and

WHEREAS, raised in Brooklyn, New York, and Ridgewood, New Jersey, Mr. Economaki was twelve years old when he first attended an automobile race at a nearby local track; and

WHEREAS, by the age of fourteen, Chris Economaki was working full-time to cover the sport by selling a racing publication and writing a column, Gas-O-Lines, for it; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Mr. Economaki had the opportunity to attend and write about the Indianapolis 500, an activity in which he has engaged every year since then; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Chris Economaki bought the weekly publication *National Speed Sport News*, which today has a circulation of approximately 40,000; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an integral figure in racing writing, Mr. Economaki also established himself as one of the most prominent racing announcers in the country, as his rile-the-crowd microphone skills earned him the track announcing post for some of the most important moments in racing history, including the very first Daytona 500; and

WHEREAS, Chris Economaki has introduced millions to the drama of automobile racing, and he has covered almost every form of car racing in the United States and internationally; he also has interviewed every major figure in racing and remains an important personage in the history of the sport; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Economaki for his lifetime of service to the sport of automobile racing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Chris Constantine Economaki for his unwavering commitment to growing the sport of automobile racing through his talented media coverage, as we wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.